

III. CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An air vent cover for attachment to a crawlspace wall, over an air vent opening, to enclose said air vent opening and seal the air vent opening against the entry of air and humidity from the atmosphere into the crawlspace, said air vent cover comprising:

a rectangular panel of unitary construction molded from durable plastic composition with

an integral flat outer surface surrounded by an integral recessed peripheral border, the recessed peripheral border being recessed relative to the flat outer surface and being provided with a plurality of holes for receiving attachment means for fastening the cover to a crawlspace wall; and

an integral recessed inner surface surrounded by an integral projecting peripheral border, said recessed inner surface being recessed relative to the projecting peripheral border and being provided with integral projecting reinforcing ribs which extend across the width of the ~~panels~~ recessed inner surface and project from the integral recessed inner surface inwards towards the integral projecting peripheral border to reinforce the panels against warpage when they are fastened to the crawlspace wall.

2. (Previously Presented) The air vent cover according to claim 1 further comprising a sealing means bonded to the projecting peripheral border surrounding the recessed inner

surface for providing a continuous seal between the border of the vent cover and the surface of a crawlspace wall to which the vent cover is fastened.

3. (Previously Presented) The air vent cover according to claim 2 in which the sealing means comprises a narrow plastic foam insulating tape adhered to the peripheral border of the vent cover.

4. (Currently Amended) The air vent cover according to claim 1 in which said reinforcing ribs project ~~outwardly~~ inwardly from the integral recessed inner surface of said cover ~~a distance equal to the extent of the recess~~ so that the integral projecting reinforcing ribs are substantially flush with the integral projecting peripheral border surrounding the integral recessed inner surface.

5. (Previously Presented) The air vent cover according to claim 4 comprising a pair of reinforcing ribs spaced from each other by a distance of about 3".

6. (Withdrawn) Air vent cover for insertion into an air vent opening in a crawlspace wall to plug said air vent opening and seal it against the entry of air and humidity from the atmosphere into the crawlspace, each said air vent cover comprising a tubular rectangular element molded from durable plastic composition with a flat air-impervious outer face surface, each said tubular rectangular element having the same height and width as the air vent opening and sufficient depth to enable it to be frictionally retained within the air vent opening in place of a removed air vent.

7. (Withdrawn) Air vent cover according to claim 6 further comprising a sealing means for providing a continuous seal

between the border of the vent cover and the surface of a crawlspace wall into which the tubular rectangular element is inserted.

8. (Withdrawn) Air vent covers according to claim 7 in which the sealing means comprises a bead of adhesive caulk composition.